



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Seattle District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Branch
Post Office Box 3755
Seattle, Washington 98124-3755
Telephone (206) 764-3495
ATTN: Kristine Sanders, Project Manager

Public Notice Date: December 30, 2004
Expiration Date: January 30, 2005
Reference: 200401074
Name: Graymont Western

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

APPLICANT: Graymont Western
Mr. Scott Mork
1220 East Alexander Avenue
Tacoma, Washington 98421
Telephone: (253) 572-7600

AGENT: Parametrix, Incorporated
Ms. Theresa Turpin
Post Office Box 460
Sumner, Washington 98390-1516
Telephone: (253) 501-5124

LOCATION: In the Blair Waterway, at Tacoma, Washington

WORK: Dredge up to 90 cubic yards of limestone to a depth of -27 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) with no over dredge.

PURPOSE: To provide safe approach and unloading of barges at low tide.

DREDGED MATERIAL TESTING: This project has been reviewed by the Dredge Material Management Program agencies. Based on the material and volume, no testing is warranted.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. The Coastal/Puget Sound bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), threatened; Puget Sound chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened; and bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) threatened in the state of Washington, occurs in the proposed project area. For bull trout critical habitat has been proposed. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will evaluate the potential impacts to the Coastal/Puget Sound bull trout, Puget Sound chinook, and bald eagle.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact approximately 0.10 of an acre of EFH for Pacific salmon in the project area. If the Corps determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800.4[a][3]), with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: The State of Washington is reviewing this work for consistency with the approved Washington Coastal Zone Management Program.

The city of Tacoma has issued an exemption from the requirement of obtaining a Shorelines Substantial Development permit for this project.

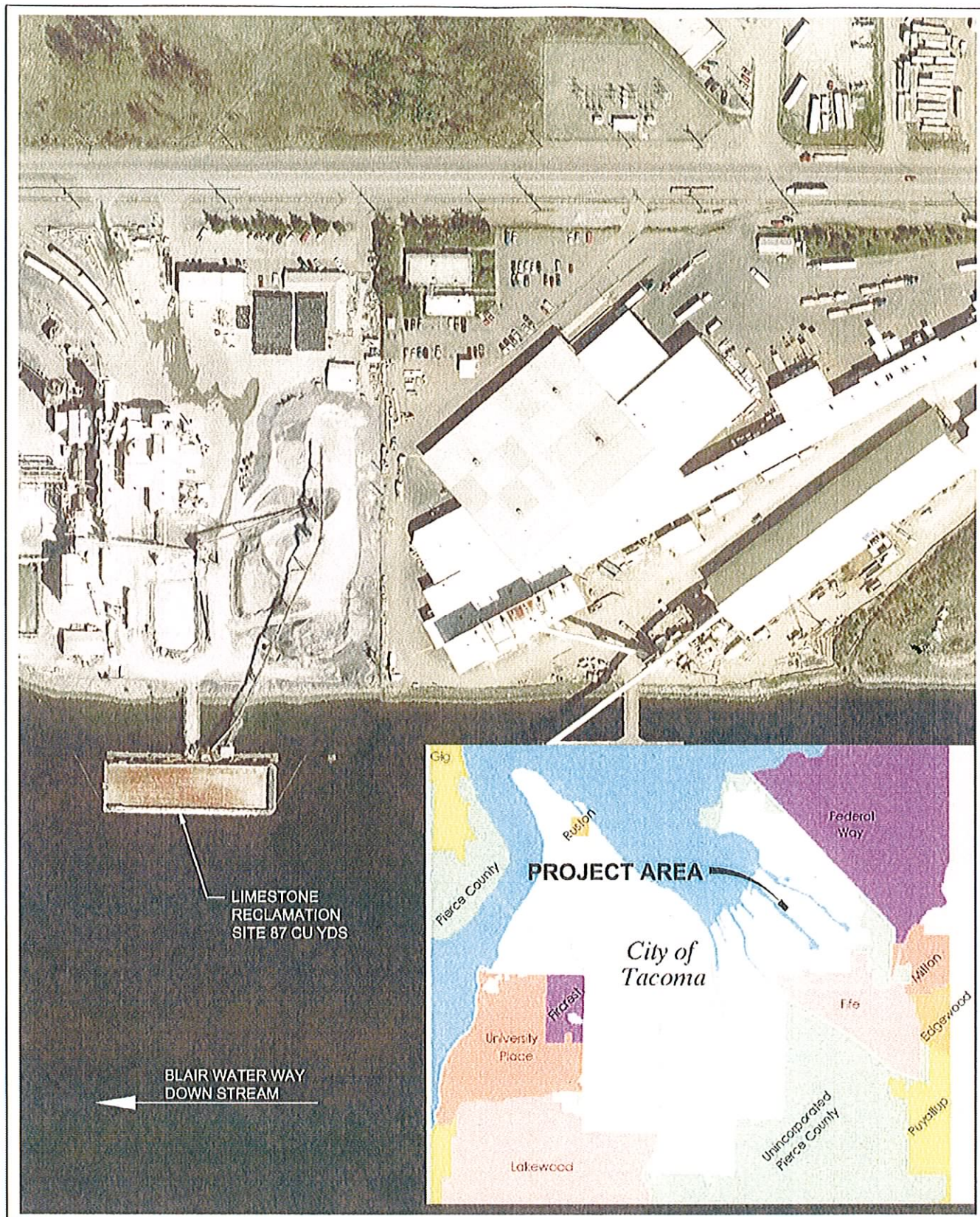
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COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or email comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, email comments must originate from the author's email account and must include on the subject line of the email message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to Kristine.S.Sanders@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington 98124-3755. Both conventional mail or email comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or email must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

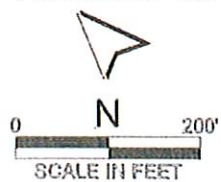
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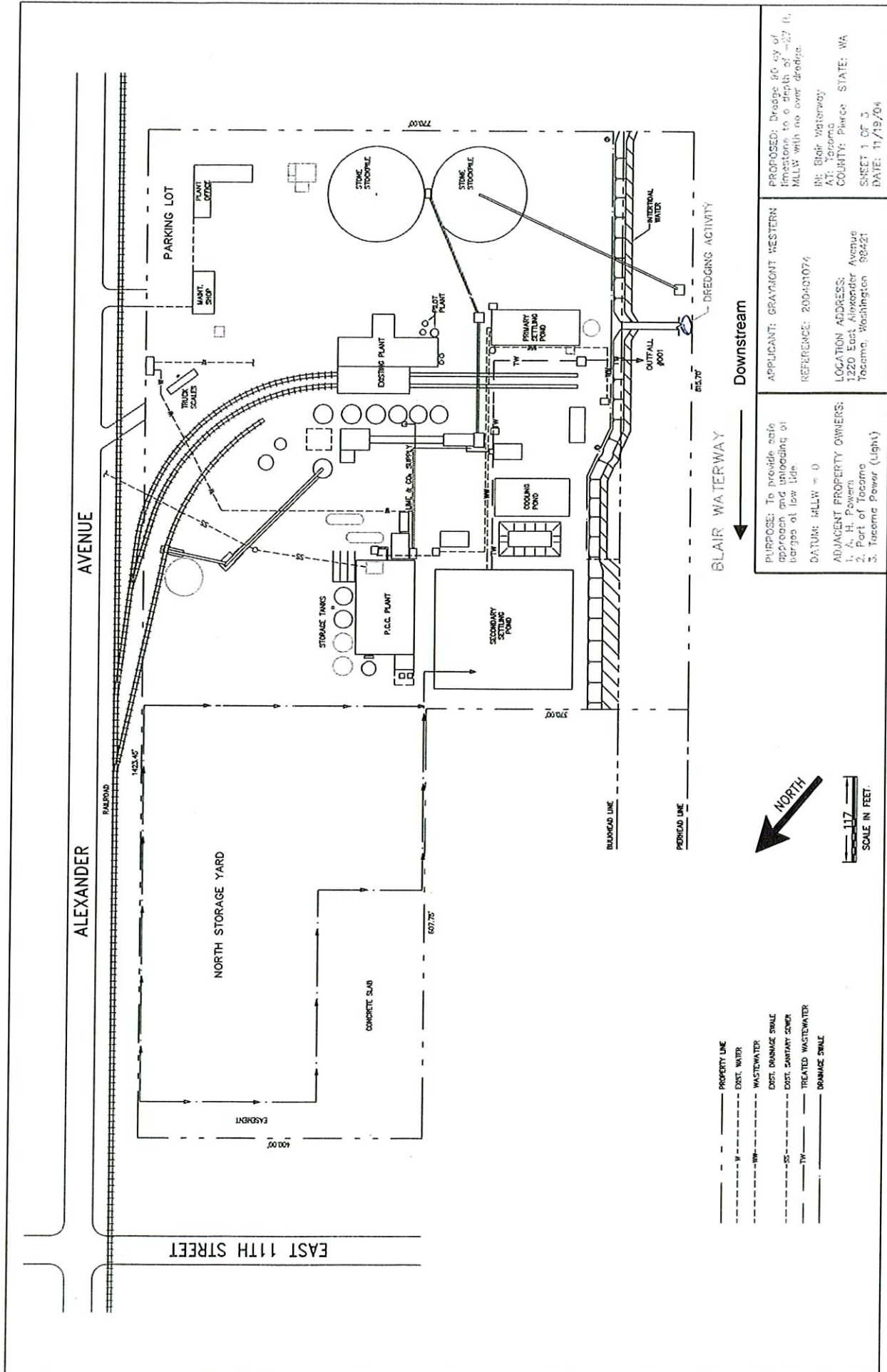
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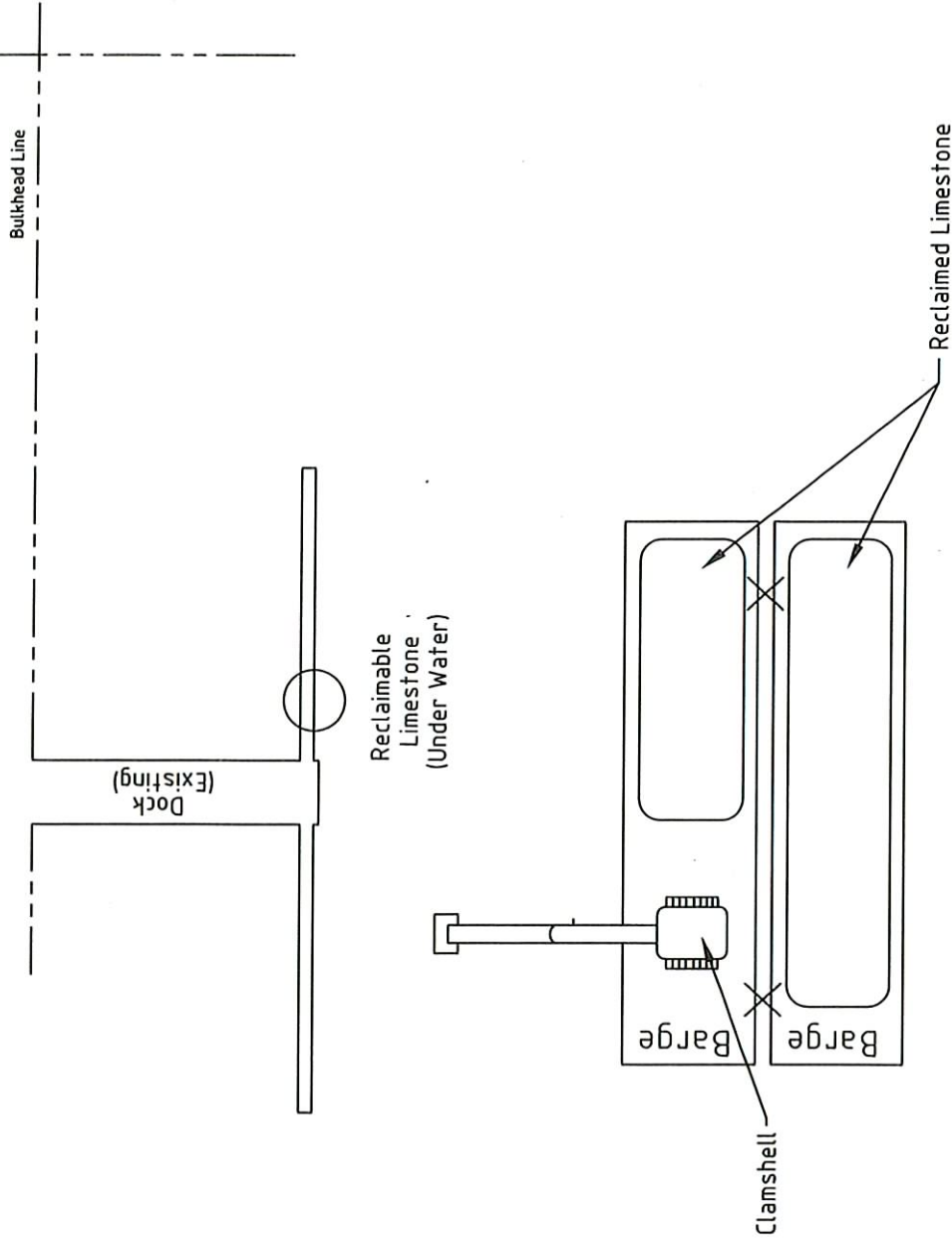
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Blair Waterway
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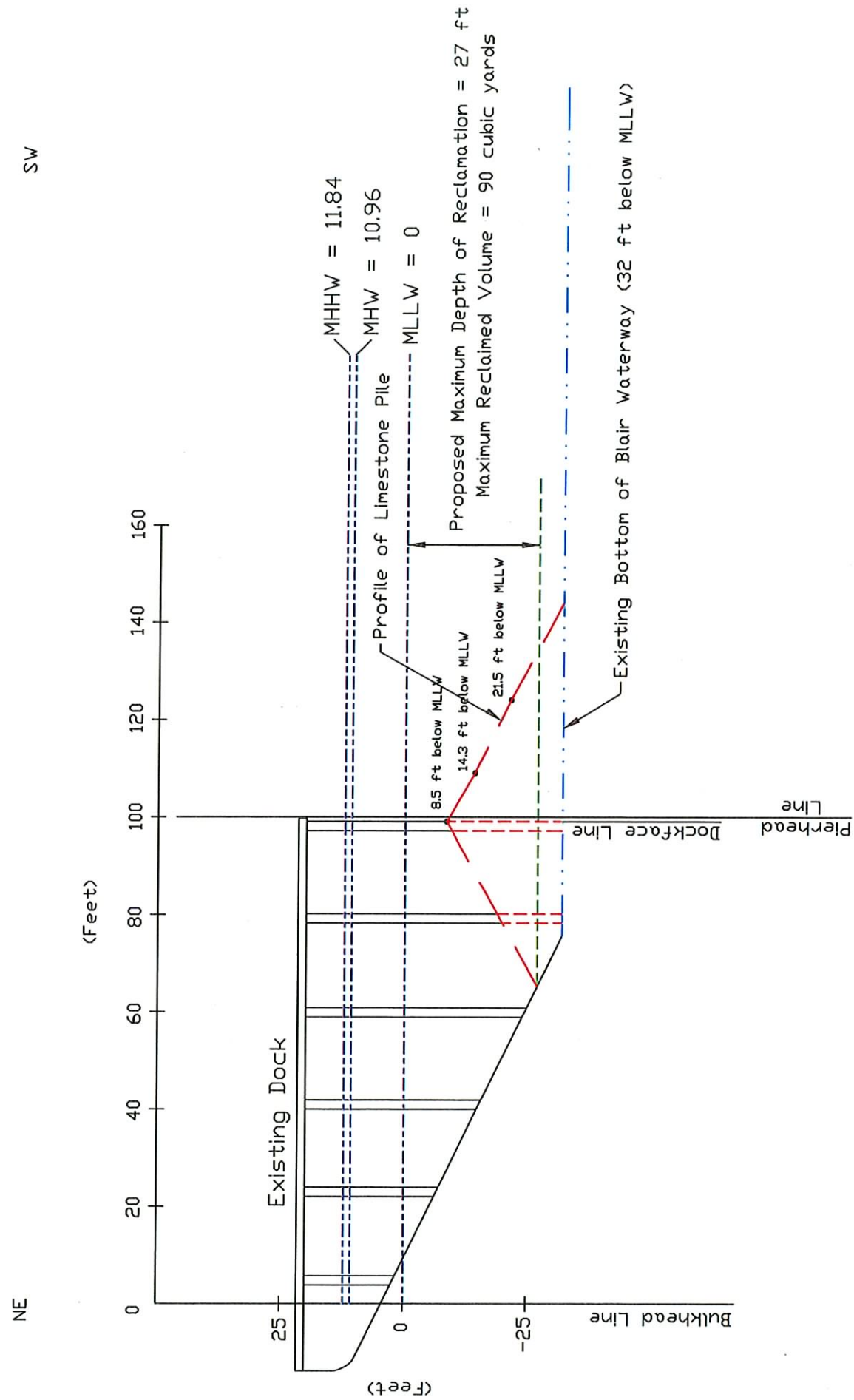
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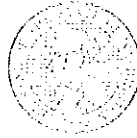
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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Notice of Application for
Certification of Consistency with the
Washington Coastal Zone Management Program

Date: December 30, 2004

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 307© of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451), to certify that the project described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. 200401074 will comply with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that Program.

Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to the project's compliance or consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

Federal Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
SEA Program
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Olympia, Washington 98504-7600